

Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, July 28, 2015

A meeting of the Rockport Board of Selectmen was held at 6pm on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 in Conference Room A in Town Hall. Present were four selectpersons; the Town Administrator and the Asst. Town Administrator; Selectperson Lucas was not present.

6:00    Meeting Called to Order

Executive Session - Exemption 1 – To discuss the possible discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual:

Executive Session –  
Exemption 1,

Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session under exemption 1 to discuss the possible discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Battistelli – aye, Selectperson Murphy – aye, Selectperson Sheedy – aye, Selectperson Wilkinson – aye, all in favor.

Motion to enter  
Executive Session  
Motion Approved

7:30    Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Interview of Tom Mikus for the Rights of Way Committee: Selectperson Murphy nominated Tom Mikus as a member of the Rights of Way Committee for a three year term to expire on June 30, 2018, no vote taken: 4-0.

Interview of T.  
Mikus for Rights of  
Way Committee  
No vote taken

Interview of Zoe Ting as a new Street Performer: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board approve and sign a Street Performer License for Zoe Ting to perform at the approved locations of the island at Dock Square, the end of Bearskin Neck and Donovan's Corner, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 4-0.

Interview of Z. Ting  
as new Street  
Performer  
Motion Approved

Approval of Minutes of June 30, 2015: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of June 30, 2015, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0. Chairperson Battistelli abstained as she was not present on 6/30/15.

Approval of 6/30/15  
Minutes  
Motion Approved

Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2015: postponed due to insufficient voting members who were present on 7/14/15.

Approval of 7/14/15  
Minutes  
postponed

Selectmen Updates and Liaison Reports: Selectperson Wilkinson said the raft at Front Beach was damaged. She said given that the raft is 20 years old, instead of repairing it the harbor masters decided to replace it with a smaller raft. She said the replacement raft comes in three pieces and can be taken in and out of the water much more easily. It should be in town by Friday and in the water shortly thereafter. The Asst. Town Administrator said he would like to recommend that no one try to rescue the raft in the future; if it goes astray they should not attempt to intervene; it could be dangerous.

Selectmen Updates  
and Liaison Reports

Public Comment Period: James Lane inquired about any progress on the Connector Road between Rockport and Gloucester. He said the traffic has been horrific; something is needed to alleviate the beach traffic. He said he sent an e-mail to the Selectboard and has not received a response. He said there were 110 signatures on a petition previously. She said they met with Mayor Kirk several years ago and the deeds were researched. The Town Administrator said part of the land between the rotary and Nugent Stretch was given to

Public Comment  
Period

Gloucester with restrictions. She said Mayor Kirk didn't feel that it could be done at the time. The Town Administrator said she researched it at the time and is willing to revisit it again.

Selectperson Wilkinson moved to add two items to tonight's agenda that were unknown to the Chairperson at the time of the posting. The first is to call for an active civil service list for police sergeants and lieutenants and the second is to consent to a ground lease assignment for DenMar, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0.

Selectperson Sheedy moved that the board call for an active civil service list for the ranks of police sergeants and lieutenants, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 4-0. Selectperson Murphy inquired if we should look into removing all police personnel from civil service. The Town Administrator said if that occurred all existing personnel in civil service would be grandfathered. Chairperson Battistelli said we could certainly look into removing all police personnel from civil service in the future.

Selectperson Murphy moved that the board grant consent for a ground lease assignment for Den Mar, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 4-0. This is a change of ownership on the property.

## 7:40 Action List

- BAN Renewal: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the board approve and counter sign a bond anticipation note in the amount of \$905,000 that will become due on 8/5/16, with interest at the rate of .6% per annum and further she moved that we certify that we are officers of the Town of Rockport charged with the responsibility for issuing a general obligation bond anticipation note in the amount of \$150,000, dated 8/7/15 and payable on 8/5/16 and do not expect to issue any further tax exempt bonds, notes or other obligations during the calendar year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, which in the aggregate will exceed \$10M and we hereby designate the obligations as a qualified tax exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265, Section B, Section 3, Section B, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as inserted by Section 902 of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, seconded by Selectperson by Murphy, Vote: 4-0.
- Annual Reappointments: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint John Campbell, Russell Anderson and Randy Saville to the Building Study Committee, all for one year terms to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 4-0.
- Appointment of Tennis Instructor: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Selectmen appoint Robert Glenn as a seasonal Tennis Instructor for the 2015 summer season, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 4-0.

8pm, Selectperson Wilkinson left the meeting.

- Appointment of Pat McGehee to the Beautification Committee: Selectperson Murphy moved to appoint Pat McGehee as a member of the Beautification Committee for a one year term to expire on June 30, 2016, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0.
- Library Hiring Approvals: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to the Library Director to fill a Library Substitute position that is

presently vacant and a Library Page position that will be vacant in August, seconded by Selectperson Murphy, Vote: 3-0.

- Biofilter Media Replacement Agreement: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board approve and sign an Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. of 5 LAN Drive Suite 300, Westford, MA 01886 for the Biofilter Media Replacement in the amount of \$8,250.00, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0. Biofilter Media Replacement Agreement Motion Approved
- 33 Long Beach Address Change: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board approve and sign a lease for 33 Long Beach with William Beloff and Drucie Beloff to reflect a change of address, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 3-0. 33 Long Beach Address Change Motion Approved
- Permission for Informational Board in Millbrook Meadow: Selectperson Sheedy moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to the Millbrook Meadow Committee to install a free-standing informational board at the Beach Street entrance to Millbrook Park as described in their letter and plan of freestanding sign dated July 20, 2015, Selectperson Murphy seconded, Vote: 3-0. Permission for Informational Board in Millbrook Meadow Motion Approved
- Acceptance of Gift of Art: Selectperson Murphy moved that the Board gratefully accept a gift of a watercolor of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club by Charles Allenbrook to be added to the Town Art Collection, Selectperson Sheedy seconded, Vote: 3-0. Acceptance of Gift of Art Motion Approved

#### 8:10 Discussion Items

Discussion Items:

- Parking Kiosk Locations: The kiosk at Back Beach needs to be moved. It had been decided that it would be better to move it to another location rather than put it in storage. Sgt. Tibert identified two options for relocation: 1) at Front Beach closest to Back Beach, the area from Nate's up, right across from Peg Leg. 2) is on T-wharf, not the residential side, but on the other side where people park for free, near the harbormaster's office. The Asst. Town Administrator said we would still need signs directing people to the kiosk. The Front Beach option is the most favorable. Parking Kiosk Locations
- Workshop Meeting Dates: – postponed. Workshop meeting dates – postponed
- 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rockport: Selectperson Murphy said he will call Sarah Kelly to see if we could add something about the Anniversary to HarvestFest. 175 Anniversary of Rockport
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: Town Hall received correspondence from the City of Salem; they have been the lead city for the North Shore region since 1998. In July 2014 a new Workforce and Opportunity Act was enacted. They are asking for a Memorandum of Agreement among the 19 communities that would begin to develop a regional plan. Some federal funds are attached to this. It wouldn't cost Rockport anything to be a part of this. A draft MOA is in the board's packet; this could be an action item at the next meeting. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

9:00 Selectperson Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectperson Sheedy, Vote: 3-0.

#### Items Signed:

Engineering Service Agreement, Stantec Consulting  
Aventas Realty  
BAN Renewal Bond

Town Treasurers Report  
Certificate and Designation, Bond  
Lease Agreement 33 Long Beach  
Street Performer's License, Zoe Ting  
Collective Bargaining Agreement – Rockport Sergeant's Assoc.